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REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION

Reconsideration is respectfully requested of the Office Action of November 10, 2005 in the above-identified application.

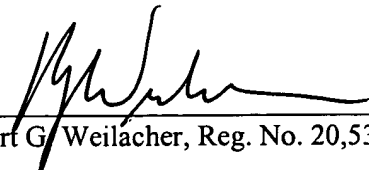
It is noted with appreciation that the rejection of the claims under 35 U.S.C. § 102 has been withdrawn.

A terminal disclaimer with respect to US 6,593,353 is filed herewith.

It is believed that the application is now in condition for allowance.

Respectfully submitted,

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